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Senator Kissel and Representative Fahrbach Announce Open Space Funding for Suffield



Hartford-State Senator John A Kissel, R-7th, and Representative Ruth Fahrbach, R-61st, announced the State of Connecticut has awarded the Suffield Land Conservancy \$33,750 to purchase 37 acres of the Kope property. The land will be preserved as open space.

Located on the eastern slope of West Suffield Mountain, the acquisition of the Kope Property will link more than three miles of linear open space and protect a portion of the Metacomet Ridge. The property is heavily forested and because it is located on the eastern slope, provides of the best examples of rich woodlands in the area.

“I would like to express my appreciation to Governor Rell and Commissioner McCarthy for their ongoing efforts to protect open space in Connecticut,” said Senator Kissel, who serves as a Deputy Minority Leader. “With sprawl becoming a bigger problem in our state, it is critical that we continue to work together to preserve areas like Kope Property.”

Suffield residents have long expressed their desire to preserve open space as a way to maintain the town’s rural character,” said Rep. Fahrbach. “Because of its proximity to the Metacomet Ridge, preservation of this piece of property is a significant acquisition that is certain to be appreciated by many people in the years to come.”

The grant is among more than 20 awarded today and is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The grants are awarded to projects that add to a community’s open space, enhance recreation in the area, protect unique geographical features or assist long-term acquisition plans. All applications are judged on the basis of the criteria and scoring system established for the program by the DEP and the standard established by the Natural Heritage, Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board.